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*Report from Hamburg—Smallpox in city—Destruction of rats by means of pictolin.*

HAMBURG, GERMANY, *May 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended May 19, 1900:

There were 4 embarkations of emigrants bound to the United States during the week, 1,595 on the steamship *Pennsylvania*, May 13; 1,178 on the steamship *Belgravia*, May 16; 554 on the steamship *Fürst Bismarck*, May 16, and 202 on the steamship *Hispania*, May 19. The total number was therefore 3,529. In spite of the large numbers carried, the Russian emigrants are coming so fast that nearly a thousand have been held over at the barracks from one ship to another since shortly after Easter, the vessels not having accommodations for all that are waiting in the port. All the vessels named above are of the Hamburg-American line.

The *Hispania* was from Stettin and got a supplemental bill of health here. The *Hispania* also carried steerage passengers to Halifax, Canada. The steamship *Arcadia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound for Philadelphia via Halifax, carried steerage passengers to the latter port but none to the United States. Bills of health were issued to 11 vessels during the week, of which 8 carried cargo from Hamburg.

Two sporadic cases of smallpox were reported in Hamburg the preceding week, one having come from New York City on the steamship *Fürst Bismarck*. The vessel was disinfected after the case was removed. I witnessed a successful experiment for killing rats aboard ship, made by the port physician with the proprietary preparation "pictolin," mentioned in my report of April 7, the quantity used in this instance being 10 kilograms to each 1,000 cubic meters of space. The only advantage of the use of "pictolin" over burning sulphur is in a saving of time.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

GIBRALTAR.

*Quarantine board declares Port Said infected.*

BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE.

GIBRALTAR, *May 4, 1900.*

The board of health having received information of the existence of the plague at Port Said, have this day declared that place to be an infected port.

By order,

JOHN C. KING,

*Secretary to the Board of Health.*

GUATEMALA.

*Report from Livingston—Fruit port.*

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, *May 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby submit my report for the week May 15 to May 22:

Ships entering and clearing from this port on latter date were steamship *Managua*; crew, 16; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; all in good sanitary condition. Steamship *Stillwater*; crew, 31; passengers, 7; cargo, miscellaneous; all in good sanitary condition.